

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

## Join CanSAR

If you or a family member has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer, it is imperative that you test your home for radon. We will mail one free radon test kit to the lung cancer patient and an immediate family member. Simply go to [www.cansar.org](http://www.cansar.org) to join CanSAR (at no fee), register, and place your order.

## Public Awareness Campaigns



CanSAR relies on press releases, public appearances, the internet, and member and supporter participation in community events to raise awareness. In 2010 we introduced the Radon Tee: World Trek, in which volunteers bring radon awareness to communities through photos, videos and personal stories. The project harnesses the power of social media by posting photos and videos of ordinary people appearing with Reduce Radon Tee. This special t-shirt was designed by a group of eighth grade students from Illinois who raised money to provide radon test kits for their community.

## Social Media



As Radon Tee treks around the world, social content is posted to its Facebook™ and Twitter™ profiles, where its fans and followers can see others who support radon awareness and learn about the importance of testing their own homes for radon.

## Donate

CanSAR empowers individuals with an apparent radon-induced lung cancer (and their families) by providing a voice. We work to shape public policy by convincing lawmakers and government agencies to treat the radon issue and lung cancer with the seriousness they deserve. You can help us by donating at [www.cansar.org](http://www.cansar.org)

Today, it is difficult to find anyone whose life has not been affected by radon-induced lung cancer. Sadly, most of these people had no idea the impact radon could have on their lives, or the life of someone they love.

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**The simple fact is: Every day, radon-induced lung cancer takes more than 57 lives in the United States. Each year, more than 21,000 men and women will lose their battle with this deadly disease.**

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Cancer Survivors Against Radon (CanSAR) is dedicated to preventing radon-induced lung cancer and saving lives through education and awareness. Visit our website [CanSAR.org](http://CanSAR.org) for more information about radon and how you can join the fight to prevent radon-induced lung cancer.

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## The Surgeon General's Warning states:

**"Radon causes lung cancer. Using proven testing and mitigation techniques, radon-induced lung cancer is preventable."**

Inside you'll find the facts about radon and ways you can protect you and your family. You'll also hear the voices behind the facts and learn how you can help.

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# RADON THE FACTS



## Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas.

- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, second only to smoking. Smokers exposed to radon have 10 times the risk of developing lung cancer.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates radon causes more than 21,000 annual deaths in the United States.
- If you smoke and your home has a radon problem, your risk of lung cancer is higher.

## Radon is found all over the United States.

- Across the country, 1 in 15 homes has a radon problem. In some areas, radon affects 1 in 2 homes. Elevated levels have been found in every state.
- The EPA and Surgeon General recommend fixing homes with radon levels of 4.0 pico curies per liter of air (pCi/L) and higher.

## Test your home for radon.

- The EPA and Surgeon General recommend all homes be tested for radon -- this is the only way to know if you are at risk.
- Testing is easy and affordable. Professional testing is offered from hundreds of certified companies, and self-test kits are widely available from state radon programs, health departments, and retail hardware stores.

## Radon levels can be lowered.

- If your home has a radon problem, a radon mitigation system to reduce the levels of radon can be installed by a certified or licensed radon professional.



# RADON THE VOICES



*"There is no reason for someone to hear the words 'You have lung cancer' because of exposure to radon."*

**-LIZ HOFFMANN**  
CanSAR Founder and President  
and Lung Cancer Survivor



*"Radon is among the most important environmental health risks facing our nation. In the last half century alone, one million people in the U.S. have died from radon exposure."*

**-DR. WILLIAM FIELD**  
Public Health Professor, University of Iowa,  
and member of the World Health Organization's  
Radon Project



*"I've never smoked a cigarette, and the only thing they could attribute to causing my lung cancer is the fact I had radon in my home and didn't know it. There is no way I can stress enough to the public how important it is to have your radon checked."*

**-ANN COSPER**  
Lung Cancer Survivor



*"If it can happen to us, it can happen to anyone. I was told by the EPA our area levels average 1.8; we tested at 57.2! My husband passed away at 49, only 15 months later."*

**-MARLENE MACEWAN**  
Lung Cancer Prevention Advocate



*"I didn't know anything about radon until I was diagnosed with lung cancer. Everyone needs to know about the dangers of radon."*

**-BARBARA SORGATZ**  
Lung Cancer Survivor



*"I am a non-smoker who had lung cancer surgery. A radon test showed high radon levels in the bedroom where I have slept for 31 years. I am shocked that radon is not taken more seriously in our country. Please take action against radon now. Test, fix and save a life!"*

**-SANDRA SPONCLER**  
Lung Cancer Survivor



*"Radon in U.S. homes takes the lives of 70 times as many people as accidental carbon monoxide exposures in homes. The only way to protect loved ones from radon is to test your home and reduce concentrations as low as possible."*

**-WILLIAM J. ANGELL**  
Professor of Housing, University of Minnesota,  
and member of the World Health Organization's  
Radon Project



*"Only after my husband's death from lung cancer did I discover we had been living with high levels of radon in our home for 18 years. We didn't know we were living with this silent killer. I resolved then to dedicate the rest of my life to radon reform and education."*

**-GLORIA LINNERTZ**  
Lung Cancer Prevention Advocate